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400 N. Fredonia Street Longview TX 75601

Case Identifier: CGB-CC-0066

January 12, 2012

Dear Sir,

I am writing to petition that First United Methodist Church of Longview be allowed to continue to receive a closed captioning exemption from January 19 onwards.

1. At present, we do not have the financial resources to employ a full-time employee to add captioning to our recordings with the required computer software. Neither do we have the funds to contract this procedure to an outside company.

Our Sunday morning worship service is recorded by a member of our congregation who volunteers his time each week to record the service, and then edit it for TV broadcast. Our volunteer has informed us that he would not be able to provide the substantial amount of extra time required to add captioning to the edited broadcast. We do not have any other person in the church with the skills or time commitment to fulfill this task.

2. The church has received information from several companies who have offered their services in providing closed captioning to our TV broadcasts. These include the following companies:

|                      |                         |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Closed Caption Maker | Cost: \$150 per program | Annual Cost: \$7,800.00 |
| Caption Labs         | Cost: \$167 per program | Annual Cost: \$8,684.00 |

Other companies are similarly priced for this type of closed captioning service that we would need to opt for. This service involves us sending our edited recording to an outside company, who will then add the closed captions and send the recording onto our local TV station (KLTV).

Financial restraints do not allow us to opt for an "outside church" solution for closed captioning. Neither do we, in the present economic climate, have the finance available to purchase the software required, or the trained personnel, to provide an "in-house" solution for closed captioning.

Our costs for transmitting our worship service on KLTV is currently \$520.00 per one half hour program (\$27,160.00 annually). We allocate \$1,000.00 to cover routine maintenance of our three cameras, computer and editing equipment. We would have great difficulty finding extra funds from other areas of our church ministry to pay for the cost of providing closed captioning for our TV broadcasts. We are already trying to find the \$40,000.00 required to replace one of our cameras.

Thank you for your consideration of our petition. I look forward to receiving your response to our case for being allowed to continue our exemption from closed captioning.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Roberts

Director of Music &amp; Fine Arts

# Business Records Affidavit

*This affidavit should be executed before a Notary Public or other official authorized to administer oaths and attached to the applicable business records. Please print or type.*

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Paul Roberts, who  
being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

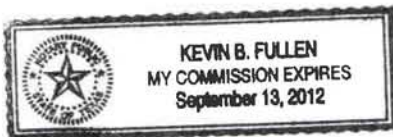
My name is Paul Roberts, I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit,  
and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

I am the custodian of the records of Music & Fine Arts Department. Attached hereto are  
Two pages of records from First United Methodist Church. These  
said Two pages of records are kept by First United Methodist Church  
in the regular course of business, and it was the regular practice of said entity for an employee or representative with  
knowledge of the act, event, condition, opinion, or diagnosis, recorded to make the record or to transmit information  
thereof to be included in such record; and the record was made at or near the time or reasonably soon thereafter.  
The records attached hereto are the original or exact duplicates of the original.




Affiant's Signature

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 12 day of January, 2012



(seal)



Notary Public, State of Texas

Kevin B. Fullen  
Notary's Printed Name

9.13.12  
My commission expires

**First United Methodist Church**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2011**  
**Detail Ledger Report for Period 01 January(\*) Thru 12 December**  
**000 General Fund**

| Acct#              | Description                               | Reference           | Net       | Debit     | Credit   | Balance   |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 004                | Worship, Congreg Care, & Outreach Expense |                     |           |           |          |           |
| 004/54050          | Tv Ministry                               |                     |           |           |          | .00       |
| 01                 | expense Jan TV Ministry                   | JE 00002 1/20/2011  |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 01 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 2,080.00  |
| 02                 | KLTV(#39)/January 2011                    | AP 00012 1/31/2011  |           | 2,600.00  |          |           |
| 02                 | KLTV(#39)/12/27 to 2/8                    | AP 00014 2/16/2011  |           | 2,600.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 02 Total                           |                     | 5,200.00  | 5,200.00  | .00      | 7,280.00  |
| 03                 | KLTV(#39)/TV Ministry                     | AP 00026 3/9/2011   |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 03 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 9,360.00  |
| 04                 | KLTV(#39)/March TV programing             | AP 00038 4/6/2011   |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 04 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 11,440.00 |
| 05                 | KLTV(#39)/April tv ministry               | AP 00061 5/11/2011  |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 05 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 13,520.00 |
| 06                 | KLTV/May TV Ministry                      | AP 00072 6/8/2011   |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 06 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 15,600.00 |
| 07                 | KLTV/June TV Ministry                     | AP 00087 7/6/2011   |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 07 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 17,680.00 |
| 08                 | KLTV/July TV ministry                     | AP 00108 8/10/2011  |           | 2,600.00  |          |           |
| 08                 | KLTV/TV Ministry 8.1.11-8.7.11            | AP 00108 8/10/2011  |           | 520.00    |          |           |
|                    | Period 08 Total                           |                     | 3,120.00  | 3,120.00  | .00      | 20,800.00 |
| 09                 | KLTV/Aug TV ministry 8.8.11-8.28.11       | AP 00125 9/7/2011   |           | 1,560.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 09 Total                           |                     | 1,560.00  | 1,560.00  | .00      | 22,360.00 |
| 10                 | KLTV/TV Ministry 9.1.11-9.30.11           | AP 00152 10/12/2011 |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
| 10                 | KLTV/TV Ministry 9.1.11-9.30.11           | CD 00078 10/12/2011 |           |           | 2,080.00 |           |
|                    | Void #125675                              |                     |           |           |          |           |
|                    | Period 10 Total                           |                     | .00       | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00 | 22,360.00 |
| 11                 | KLTV/TV Ministry 9.26.11-10.30.11         | AP 00173 11/9/2011  |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 11 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 24,440.00 |
| 12                 | KLTV/Nov TV ministry                      | AP 00186 12/7/2011  |           | 2,080.00  |          |           |
|                    | Period 12 Total                           |                     | 2,080.00  | 2,080.00  | .00      | 26,520.00 |
|                    | Account Totals                            |                     | 26,520.00 | 28,600.00 | 2,080.00 | 26,520.00 |
| Budget Information |   |                     | Budget    | Actual    | Balance  | Percent   |
| Current Period     |   |                     | 27,160.00 | 26,520.00 | 640.00   | 2.36      |
| Year-To-Date       |   |                     | 27,160.00 | 26,520.00 | 640.00   | 2.36      |
| Annual             |   |                     | 27,160.00 | 26,520.00 | 640.00   | 2.36      |

*The cost for 2012 is going up to \$29,900 per year!*



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| 004                | Worship, Congreg Care, & Outreach Expense               |                     |            |              |               |                |
| 004/54060          | TV Ministry Equip Maint                                 |                     |            |              |               | .00            |
| 02                 | Jim Lively & Associates(#6366)/<br>mileage              | AP 00008 1/25/2011  |            | 177.44       |               |                |
| 02                 | Jim Lively & Associates(#6366)/TV<br>equip maintenance  | AP 00008 1/25/2011  |            | 302.50       |               |                |
|                    | Period 02 Total   |                     | 479.94     | 479.94       | .00           | 479.94         |
| 10                 | Rumpel, Mr. Sidney Brian-Brian/TV<br>Ministry equipment | AP 00157 10/19/2011 |            | 98.97        |               |                |
|                    | Period 10 Total   |                     | 98.97      | 98.97        | .00           | 578.91         |
|                    | Account Totals  |                     | 578.91     | 578.91       | .00           | 578.91         |
|                    |   |                     |            |              |               |                |
| Budget Information |   |                     | Budget     | Actual       | Balance       | Percent        |
| Current Period     |   |                     | 1,000.00   | 578.91       | 421.09        | 42.11          |
| Year-To-Date       |   |                     | 1,000.00   | 578.91       | 421.09        | 42.11          |
| Annual             |   |                     | 1,000.00   | 578.91       | 421.09        | 42.11          |